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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: POSITION DETECTING METHOD, POSITION DETECTING APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND MAKING METHOD THEREOF, COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.